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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SECURITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. ON DEC 28 FONOFF INFORMED EMBASSY THAT GOJ NOW IS MORE FLEXIBLE ON TIMING OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE THAN PREVIOUSLY REPRESENTED, AND NOW PREFERS DATE OF JAN 29 FOR MEETING IN TOKYO. JAN 29 IS AVAILABLE SINCE FIRST DAY OF SOCIALIST PARTY CONVENTION WILL BE HELD ON THAT DATE, AND THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS OF DIET COMMITTEES THEN. ACCORDINGLY, MINISTERS WILL BE AVAILABLE. AS PARTIAL EXPLANATION FOR CHANGING SIGNALS AND NOW PREFERRING LATER DATE OVER EARLIER PROPOSED JAN 17, FONOFF SAYS THAT LATER DATE WILL PROVIDE MORE TIME TO WORK OUT REMAINING HITCHES IN OKINAWA BASE PLAN. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE AS TO WHETHER CINCPAC CAN REARRANGE HIS SCHEDULE ONCE AGAIN TO FIT NEW IDEA OF GOJ CONVENIENCE AND WHETHER STATE WOULD CONCUR IN RESETTING SCC DATE.

2. ONE BONUS OF POSTPONEMENT OF SCC MEETING

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WOULD BE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY IN PLANNING FOR SUBCOM-

MITTEE MEETING IN WASHINGTON SINCE GOJ PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT HAVE TO SCURRY BACK TO JAPAN QUITE SO QUICKLY TO PREPARE FOR SCC. THEREFORE, JAN 15 WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CONTINUATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OR FOR CALLS BY GOJ HIGH-LEVEL PARTICIPANTS ON USG COUNTERPARTS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: STATE AND CINCPAC VIEWS SOONEST.
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